## PUBLIC NOTICE

# CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107

REGULATORY DIVISION Refer to: P/N # 2005-2W-251 August 26, 2005

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army by

# TOLER'S COVE MARINA C/O ROSS NELSON TIDEWATER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. POST OFFICE BOX 865 JOHNS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA 29457-0865

for a permit to perform maintenance dredging in waters of

# TOLER'S COVE AND JEANETTE CREEK ADJACENT TO THE ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

at a location adjacent to 1610 Ben Sawyer Boulevard, Mt. Pleasant, in Charleston County, South Carolina (Latitude: 32.775 N, Longitude: 79.8472 W)

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

### NOTICE

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by the above mentioned office until

# 12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of performing maintenance dredging to maintain navigable depths and improve flushing within the marina basin and the channel. Approximately 45,000 cubic yards of material over an 8.7 acre area are expected to be dredged by hydraulic dredge and disposed of at the Sullivan's Island Dredged Material Disposal Area. A stepped elevation within the basin is proposed with a maximum project depth of -8.5' MLW within the cove, -9.5' MLW within the channel and -10.5' MLW in Jeannette Creek, with 4:1 side slopes throughout the project. This project has historically been dredged every 2 to 3 years. The applicant states that the project purpose is to improve navigation during all tidal cycles for private vessels by dredging the creek, basin and berths. PLEASE NOTE: The SCDHEC/OCRM permit (#01-385-E) and 401 Water Quality Certification (93-4T-319) are still valid for this project and do not expire until January 10, 2007.

NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by

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public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION 69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact 8.7 acres of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

Pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended), the District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to adversely affect any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request for written concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service on this determination.

The District Engineer has consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. Consultation of the National Register constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

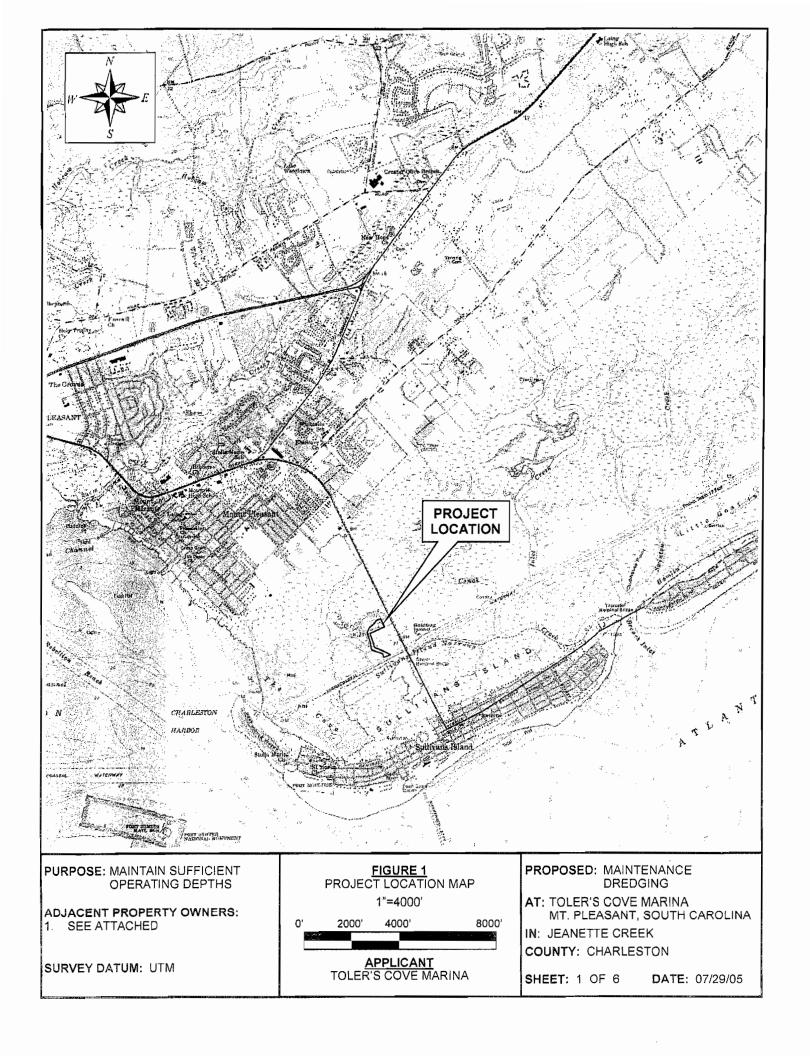
The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

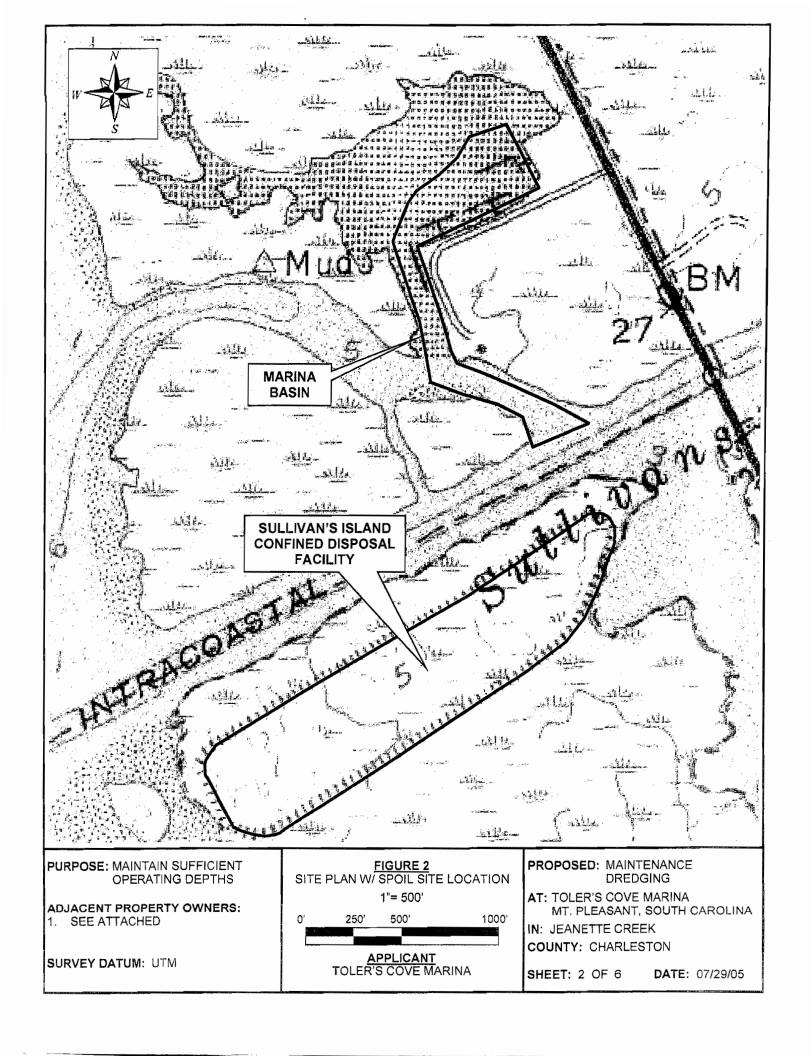
If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact me at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

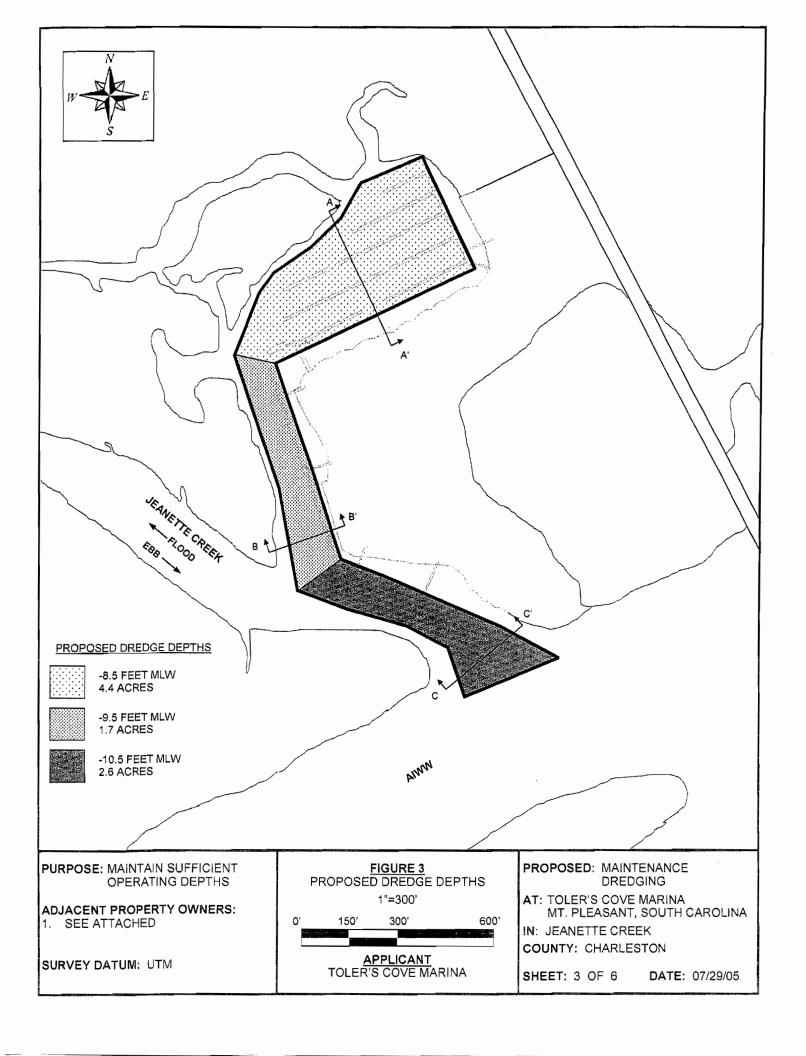
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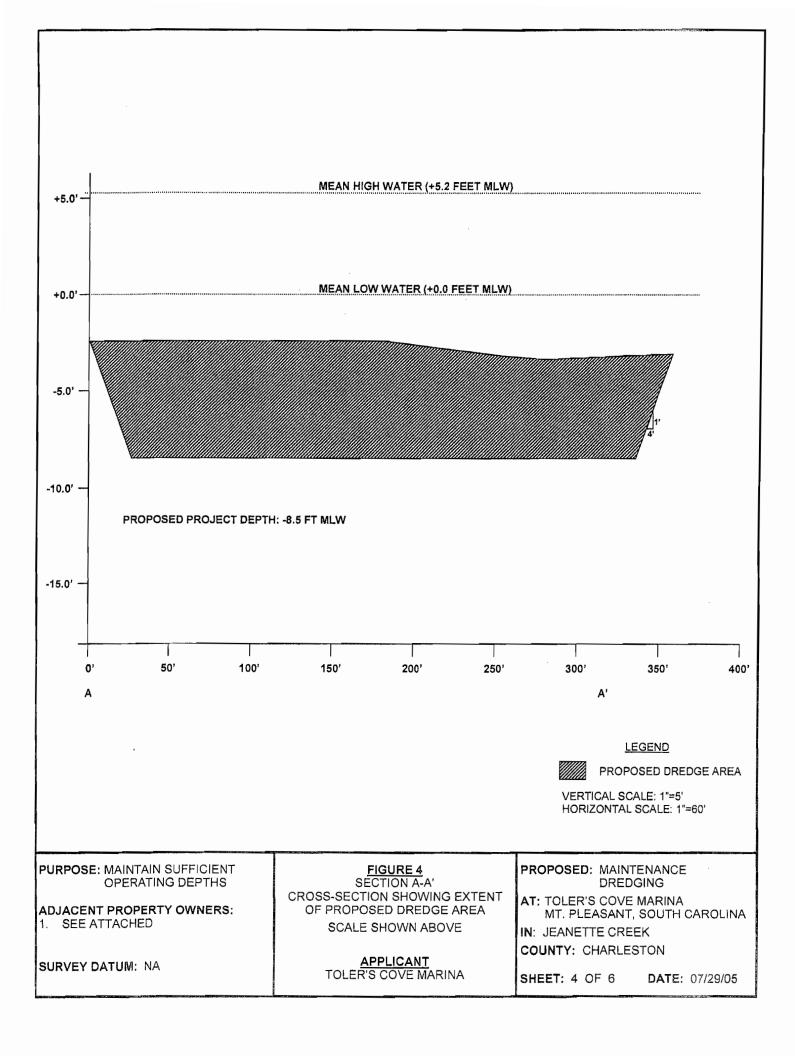
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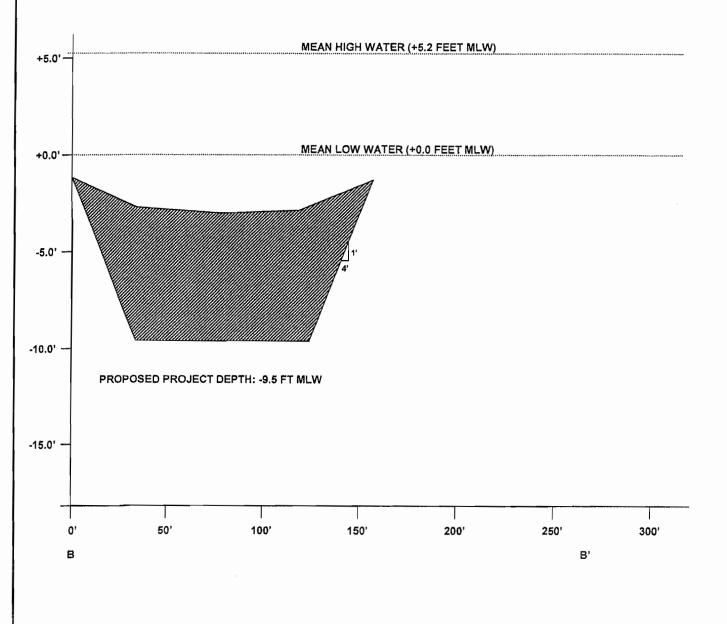
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PROPOSED DREDGE AREA

VERTICAL SCALE: 1"=5" HORIZONTAL SCALE: 1"=50'

PURPOSE: MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT

OPERATING DEPTHS

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:

SEE ATTACHED

SURVEY DATUM: NA

FIGURE 5

SECTION B-B' CROSS-SECTION SHOWING EXTENT OF PROPOSED DREDGE AREA

SCALE SHOWN ABOVE

APPLICANT TOLER'S COVE MARINA

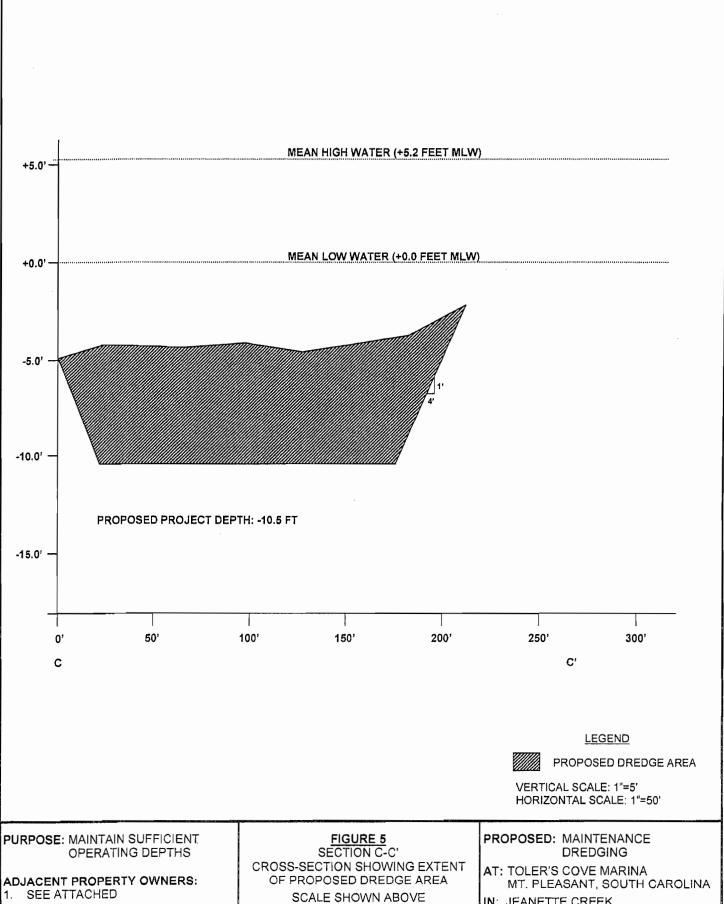
PROPOSED: MAINTENANCE DREDGING

AT: TOLER'S COVE MARINA MT. PLEASANT, SOUTH CAROLINA

IN: JEANETTE CREEK **COUNTY: CHARLESTON** 

SHEET: 5 OF 6

DATE: 07/29/05



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